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'DISCOVERING LEWIS AND CLARK' SITE ADDS UPDATES

MISSOULA —

The "Discovering Lewis and Clark" Web site at www.lewis-clark.org is one of the best places to learn about the Corps of Discovery during the 2003-06 bicentennial of the expedition. New additions to the site are available by clicking on "New in March 2003."

The new material includes an article about the possibility of eating ponderosa pines for lunch, a discussion of coal deposits the expedition encountered, a list of songs that may have been sung by the explorers and a piece about a plant named for William Clark. The overall look of the Web site also has been updated with new animated collages by designer Keith Phillips.

Joe Mussulman, a former University of Montana professor, leads a team that designs "Discovering Lewis and Clark," which now includes more than 1,200 pages and gets 27,000 hits a day. Mussulman said the site has been described by historians as the best source of Lewis and Clark information on the Internet. Designers periodically add an interpretive episode that delves into some aspect of the expedition.

The Web site went online in 1997 and is funded by a nonprofit corporation Mussulman created called VIAs. Look for new episodes at the site for several years to come. Fiscal management of the site is provided by The Bookstore at UM.

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